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1. A train composed of an undetermined number of boxcars occupied by soldiers, and flatcars carrying 12 to 18 AA guns of 30 or 40 mm caliber and several trucks, was seen near Hohennistorf (N 54/U 28) on 9 July 1950 heading east.

A similar east-bound train carrying fewer guns and more trucks was seen near Lalendorf (N 54/U 08) shortly thereafter.

2. A train composed of 30 to 35 cars, including 20 to 25 freight cars carrying about twenty 37-mm AA guns, about 20 trucks and 2 radio trucks, 5 freight cars loaded with boxes, and 6 coaches was standing at the Potsdam (N 53/Z 63) railroad station in the early morning hours of 8 July 1950. AA machine guns were mounted on three railroad cars.

The departure of the train was not observed. (2)

3. A train with about 25 railroad cars, including 6 locked boxcars, left Werder (N 53/Z 53) toward Brandenburg (N 53/Z 23) about 5 p.m. on 10 July 1950. The train carried two guns of about 100 mm caliber, seven trucks, two radio trucks, one field kitchen, wooden boards, boxes and gasoline drums. (3)

4. A train carrying 10 or 12 long-barreled guns of 150 to 170 mm caliber, and an undetermined number of trucks was standing at the railroad station of Wildpark near Potsdam on 13 July 1950. The departure of the train was not observed. (3)

5. A tank car containing gasoline, en route from Veltan (N 53/Z 66) to Lindau (N 53/D 99), was at the Wustermark (N 53/Z 55) railroad station at 8 a.m. on 17 July 1950. The consignee was

At the same time a tank car containing gasoline, was seen.

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6. Five flatcars loaded with an undetermined number of used 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ -ton trucks were at the Schoeneweide (N 53/Z 94) railroad station at 8 a.m. on 18 July 1950. They came from Frankfurt/Oder-border and were consigned to Koenigswusterhausen (N 53/V 02). Fifteen boxcars loaded with military goods,

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[redacted] en route from Frankfurt/Oder-border to Pfaffendorf (M 52/D 85), were seen at the same time. The [redacted] The cars were escorted by a soldier wearing red epaulets. Later in the morning a boxcar loaded with 20 steel safes, 196x100x50 cm, was observed coupled to the regular train from Schoeneweide to Zossen (N 53/Z 91). The safes came from Berlin-Weissensee, Industriebahn, and were consigned to [redacted] Teltow-West. [redacted]

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7. A train composed of 50 flatcars carrying an undetermined number of new Soviet 2 or 3-ton trucks [redacted] and one boxcar occupied by escort soldiers was at the Rummelsburg railroad station at 6:30 a.m. on 18 July 1950. The train came from the Frankfurt/Oder-border. The trucks were consigned to [redacted] Koenigswusterhausen. [redacted]

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[redacted] Two boxcars, allegedly loaded with spare parts, were coupled to the regular train from Rummelsburg to Schoeneweide about 11 p.m. on 19 July 1950. They were dispatched from Berlin-Rummelsburg and consigned to [redacted] Koenigswusterhausen. (6)

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8. A train with one boxcar occupied by soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets, six flatcars each carrying two AT guns, 12 flatcars loaded with trucks and one flatcar loaded with a field kitchen passed through Erfurt (M 51/J 36) on 22 July 1950. The train came from the direction of Weimar (M 51/J 57) and headed toward Gotha (M 51/J 06).

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9. A train composed of 14 boxcars occupied by soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets, one flatcar carrying one AA gun, 10 flatcars each carrying a gun of about 150 mm caliber with split-trail gun carriage, 2 flatcars carrying two artillery tractors [redacted] 30 flatcars loaded with trucks passed through [redacted] at 2 p.m. on 22 July 1950. The train came from the direction of Wustermark and headed toward Brandenburg. [redacted]

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10. A troop train was standing at the military ramp of the Luckenwalde (N 53/Z 70) railroad station about 7:30 p.m. on 22 July 1950. It carried 15 trucks, six 76.2-mm AT guns, 4 guns of 120 to 150 mm caliber, 2 rocket launchers, 30 motorcycles and about 150 soldiers averaging 22 years of age and wearing red-bordered black epaulets. The departure of the train was not observed. (9)

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11. A train carrying about 20 new trucks was seen in Jueterbog (N 52/E 69) about 7 a.m. on 24 July 1950. The train was headed toward Wittenberg (N 52/E 37). A train composed of 20 boxcars occupied by about 500 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets, and an undetermined number of flatcars carrying 60 trucks [redacted] including truck [redacted], sixty 70 to 80-mm AT guns and 5 field kitchens was at the Jueterbog railroad station at noon on 26 July 1950. The train was headed toward Wittenberg. (10)

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12. A troop train was being assembled at the Bernau freight yard at 6 p.m. on 26 July 1950. Five tank trucks, [redacted] were loaded and seven tank trucks and one regular truck were standing on the ramp. (11)

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- [] 13. An ammunition train with 23 boxcars, one flatcar, 19 gondola cars and one coach, totaling 90 axles and 803 tons []
 25X1 [] was en route from Jueterbog-Altes Lager to Falkenberg (N 52/E 74)
 25X1 at 10:35 a.m. on 20 July 1950. A hospital train of 7 boxcars and 18
 25X1 coaches, totaling 50 axles and 320 tons, shipment-record No. 1072,
 25X1 passed through Jueterbog at 8:50 a.m. on 21 July 1950, coming from
 25X1 Seelitz (N 53/V 51) and bound for Guben (O 52/A 79). A train of 12
 boxcars, 27 flatcars and 3 gondola cars, totaling 112 axles and 1,070
 tons [] en route from Neustrelitz (N 54/U 54)
 to Luckenwalde, left Jueterbog at 5:33 p.m. on 22 July 1950, carrying
 troops and materiel.
14. An empty shuttle-train of 12 boxcars, 35 flatcars and 2 coaches,
 totaling 106 axles and 517 tons, shipment-record No. 75727, left Lucken-
 walde at 12:24 p.m. on 23 July 1950, bound for Neustrelitz via Berlin-Tfr.
15. A train with 34 flatcars, 12 gondola cars and one coach, totaling 106
 axles and 972 tons [] left Jueterbog for Neu-
 25X1 strelitz at 7:49 a.m. on 26 July 1950, carrying troops and materiel. The
 train came from Luckenwalde. A hospital train of 6 boxcars, and 19 coaches, to-
 totaling 50 axles, and 422 tons, coming from Guben, arrived in Jueterbog at
 1:14 a.m. on 27 July 1950 and left for Seelitz at 3:03 a.m. the same day. A
 25X1 train composed of 9 boxcars, 26 flatcars and one coach, totaling 89 axles
 and 770 tons [] left Jueterbog for Neuruppin at
 2:18 a.m. on 28 July 1950, carrying troops and materiel. At 9:07 a.m.
 25X1 on the same day a train composed of 4 boxcars, 26 flatcars and 2 coaches,
 totaling 75 axles and 650 tons [] also left for
 25X1 Neuruppin, carrying troops and materiel.
16. A train loaded with coal, totaling 110 axles and 1,522 tons, went from
 25X1 Hueckenberg (N 52/A 13) to Wildpark on 29 July 1950. [] 25X1
 [] (12)
- [] 17. Because the coal dump at the Frankfurt/Oder railroad station was stocked
 to capacity a coal train was redischatched to Eichwalde (N 50/V 03) on
 30 July 1950. [] 25X1
18. Thirteen gondola cars carrying 26 new trucks, coupled to an ordinary
 freight train, passed through Friedrichshagen (N 53/V 04) at 5:15 p.m.
 on 31 July 1950. The train came from the direction of Puerstenwalde
 (N 53/V 33) and headed toward Berlin. The trucks were two-axle, 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ -ton
 Soviet Fords.
19. No trains carrying Soviet soldiers were observed at the Kuestrin-Kietz
 (O 53/V 66) railroad station between 10 July and 2 August 1950. (14)
20. An ammunition train with 13 boxcars loaded with ammunition, 15 boxcars
 loaded with food, one boxcar for escort personnel and one coach for
 railroad personnel left Kuestrin-Kietz heading eastward on 20 and on
 27 July. Since the Soviets could not obtain 15 empty boxcars to use as
 crash-cars for each ammunition train they had to wait until boxcars
 loaded with food arrived from Frankfurt/Oder. (15)

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21. A train carrying 60 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets and 60 trucks [redacted] and a train loaded with 70 field kitchens left Frankfurt/Oder toward Berlin on 7 August 1950. (16) On the same day 60 soldiers wearing artillery insignia and coming from the direction of the U.S.S.R. arrived at the Frankfurt/Oder station. They went to the Richhorn Kaserne in three trucks [redacted] (17)

Comments.

- (1) The two trains carried AAA units returning to their home stations from the Mustraw AAA range. [redacted] a unit of the unidentified AAA Div of the Fourth Gds Mech Army was on the train observed near Hohensaifritz. Both trains may have been previously identified [redacted] in Frankfurt/Oder on 10 July 1950. [redacted]
- (2) The loading of a unit of the 2nd Gds AAA Div for shipment to the Mustraw AAA range [redacted] The same train was probably also reported by another source from Potsdam. [redacted]
- (3) Trains carrying component units of the IV Arty Corps. Motor vehicles [redacted] were observed almost exclusively in the Rathenow-Brandenburg area. They presumably belong to the unidentified Gun Arty Brig, possibly the 10th or to the 18th How Arty Brig.
- (4) [redacted] belongs to the ammunition depot in Lamitsch-Pfaffendorf. [redacted] is not known; it may have been misidentified. [redacted] AF unit and previously reported from Lindau in January 1950 by the same source. [redacted] 2nd Gds GA Div in the Doeberitz area. [redacted] Billeting & Supply Office for the Soviet Zone of Germany. [redacted]
- (5) The arrival of numerous shipments of new and damaged motor vehicles from the U.S.S.R. was observed [redacted] in July 1950, the shipments including motor vehicle [redacted] previously not identified in the Soviet Zone of Germany. [redacted] 53rd Central Repair Shop in the Berlin-Ober-seeeneweide area, which was previously confirmed [redacted] up to 10 August 1950. [redacted]
- (6) [redacted] repair shop of the ZOF in Wildau up to 19 July 1950. [redacted] nt.
- (7) [redacted] belongs to headquarters units of the XXIX Gds Mz Rifle Corps. The numbers of the [redacted] which belongs to the 39th Gds Mz Rifle Div, were possibly confused [redacted] The train was possibly bound for the Kindel troop training grounds near Eisenach.
- (8) The train carried a unit of the unidentified Gun Arty Brig, possibly the 10th or the 18th How Arty Brig of the 6th Arty Div, [redacted]
- (9) [redacted]
- (10) [redacted]

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(12) [redacted] Potsdam in connection with coal shipments. [redacted]

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hospital trains, [redacted] ammunition shipments and [redacted] to troop shipments. [redacted] from the Berlin-Oberschoene-weide area and from Friedrichshagen.

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(14) [redacted]

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(15) A decree by the Transportation Administration provides that several crash-cars with non-explosive cargo must be between the engine and railroad cars loaded with ammunition.

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(16) [redacted]

(17) Possibly recruits or soldiers returning from furlough in the U.S.S.R.

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